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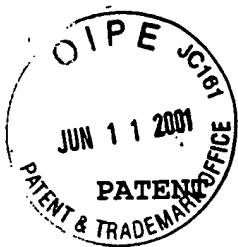
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Sir:

On November 15, 2000, the above-identified application was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, under Rule 1.53(b) Missing Parts.

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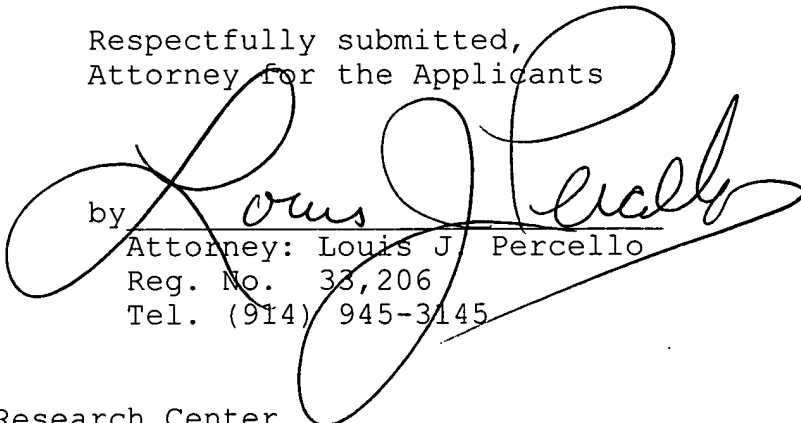
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A copy of the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted", date mailed March 28, 2001, is also attached as per your instructions.

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